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-- B) USNATO 2280 DTG 200915Z APR 77

1. WE CONCUR IN USE OF DRAFT TALKING POINTS CONTAINED
PARA 6, REF B, DURING APRIL 27 NAC REVIEW OF SUBJECT
REPORT. IN ADDITION, MISSION MAY DRAW AS APPROPRIATE ON
FOLLOWING COMMENTS WHICH UPDATE REPORT:

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-- WITH REGARD TO PARA 29 OF THE REPORT, WE WOULD ADD THAT
ON MARCH 29 EGYPT AND THE USSR SIGNED A TRADE PROTOCOL FOR
1977. THE TRADE VOLUME AND THE COMPOSITION OF THE GOODS
TO BE EXCHANGED IS MUCH THE SAME AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

-- CONCERNING SYRIA, WE WOULD NOTE THAT THE ECONOMIC

DIFFICULTIES CAUSED BY THAT COUNTRY'S INTERVENTION IN LEBANON HAVE NOT BEEN OVERCOME, DUE TO DELAYS IN PAYMENT OF COMMITMENTS FOR ARAB AID. SYRIAN FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE TAKEN A SHARP DROP IN 1976/77. AS FOR SYRIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS, THEY ARE LIKELY TO IMPROVE SOMEWHAT AS A RESULT OF ASAD'S VISIT TO MOSCOW.

-- WITH REGARD TO PARA 10 OF THE REPORT, LIBYAN-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS HEATED UP AGAIN IN APRIL. QADHAFI SEEMS TO BE TRYING TO DIVERT LIBYAN ATTENTION ABROAD RATHER THAN AT HOME WHERE DISCONTENT HAS RISEN FOLLOWING THE UNPRECEDENTED EXECUTION OF ARMY OFFICERS AND ALLEGED SABOTEURS.

2. KIEV: WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO CONDITIONAL WORDING IN PARA 21(I) OF REPORT. IF QUESTIONED ABOUT ISSUE OF KIEV'S ASSIGNMENT MISSION SHOULD NOTE THAT IN OUR VIEW THE PHYSICAL PREPARATIONS MADE AND THE ONGOING NATURE OF THE EXERCISES THE KIEV HAS CONDUCTED -- ALL OF WHICH, EXCEPT FOR MISSILE FIRINGS, COULD HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN THE BLACK SEA -- SUGGESTS THE KIEV'S OPERATIONS WITH THE NORTHERN FLEET IS A PERMANENT ASSIGNMENT.

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